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DIPLOMATIC NOTES PASSED BY AMBASSADORS YESTERDAY

Agreement With Japan is Practically Signed

ASSENT UNNECESSARY

Notes Will be Published in Both Countries Simultaneously on Wednesday

DECLARATION NOT A TREATY

It is Simply an Affirmation of What Both Countries Stand For in China and the Far East—Has Moral Effect Only.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary of State Root and Ambassador Takahira shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon exchanged diplomatic notes defining the policy of the two governments in the Far East. Assistant Secretary Bacon and Second Assistant of the Embassy Hanihara and Mr. Babcock, Root's private secretary, were the witnesses. After a formal exchange of salutations the Ambassador and his secretary left. A full purport of the notes has already been set forth in the Associated Press dispatches. They will be made public simultaneously in the United States and Japan tomorrow with a view to their publication in both countries on Wednesday morning. The exchange of notes is based on the idea of encouraging and defending a free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. A ratification of the agreement by the senate is unnecessary and the declaration or exchange of notes will not have to be referred to that body. The declaration is not a treaty, simply re-affirmation of what both countries stand for in China and the Far East. It has no legal standing and its greatest benefit will be that derived from the moral effect it will exercise.

SEEKING A REVIEW.

Government To Ask For Writ Of Certiorari in Standard Oil Case. WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—A three week's postponement of consideration of the government's petition for a writ of certiorari in the case involving the imposition of a fine of \$29,240,000 on the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, will be sought by attorneys for that corporation. John S. Miller, of counsel for the

Standard, reached Washington last night and expressed his intention of filing the request in the Supreme court today for sufficient delay to enable attorneys for defendant corporation to make the answer which they consider is required if the Standard Oil Company is to attempt a successful fight against the move to have the case revised by the higher court. There will be a conference between Mr. Miller and either Attorney General Bonaparte or Solicitor General Hoyt today, at which the former will endeavor to convince the Department of Justice that the proper thing to do will be to join him in his request that the court take a little time in coming to any kind of decision as regards the petition, and thus allow the Standard Oil people time to dispute the grounds on which the government contends the case should be taken up by the higher tribunal. The government's petition for a writ of certiorari, which will, if granted, bring the famous rebating case to the Supreme court, was filed with the court last Monday. It will be presented today.

EASTERN POLITICS.

Submerged Details Coming To Light In The Snarl Now Afoot.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.—An anonymous article which recently appeared in the *Poster Lloyd*, a Bud's Pest newspaper, asserting that Russia during the seventies thrice gave consent to Austrian annexation of Bosnia has attracted a great deal of attention here. Russian newspapers in their comment, endeavor to minimize the chief revelations and the facts now brought to light on the Russian side show that the agreement was conditional.

By a secret treaty entered into at Reischstadt, Bohemia, Russia agreed to allow Austria to occupy only a part of Bosnia, a strip south of the Drina being assigned to Serbia and Herzegovina to Montenegro. The cession of this strip connecting Serbia and Montenegro was the solution of the Balkan problem, advocated by M. Iswolski, the Russian foreign minister at London, and it is now one of the chief Serbian contentions. The Reischstadt treaty was to be effective only if the Russian plans, which involved numerous conditions in the state, were accepted, but the agreement collapsed when the conditions were not fulfilled.

Attention likewise is drawn to the promise given by the Austrian minister, Andrassy, to the Russian ambassador in February, 1876, that Bosnia and Herzegovina if annexed, should be joined to Croatia and Slavonia, not to other territories in the empire, thus creating a triple monarchy, a dual monarchy. This promise, it is asserted, has been violated in the statute of annexation which is now being discussed in the Austro-Hungarian Legislatures.

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CHIEF OF POLICE BIGGY DROWNED AT SAN FRANCISCO

While Crossing the Bay in Police Patrol Launch He Mysteriously Disappears

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—William J. Biggy, chief of police of this city, was drowned late last night while returning from across the bay in the police patrol launch, "Patrol." Chief Biggy had been at Belvedere, a suburb, to call on Police Commissioner Kell, who resides there. He boarded the launch to return to this city about 10 o'clock and when the boat was on the bay he complained of feeling cold to Engineer Murphy, the only other occupant of the launch. Murphy advised Biggy to go to the stern of the boat. Murphy then went below to attend to his engines and did not see the chief again. He came on deck as the boat neared the city and noticed the chief had disappeared. A search of the boat failed to locate him. Murphy then made all speed to the dock where he reported the accident and went out on the bay again to search for the missing officer. Numerous boats were hurried to the scene and a careful search of the bay begun. Ever since the suicide of Morris Haas, the relations between Chief Biggy and the graft prosecution have been filed by both parties to the controversy in an attempt to fix the blame for the fact that Haas had secured the pistol while in jail.

NOTED MURDER CASE ON TRIAL AT OMAHA

CHAS. E. DAVIS ACCUSED OF MURDERING DR. RUSTIN IS BROUGHT BEFORE COURT

JURY NEARLY COMPLETED

Much Interest is Being Taken in the Case Owing to the Prominence of the Man Killed, and the Slayer's Family.

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—The trial of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder of Dr. Rustin on September 1, was begun in the district court before Judge Sears today. Much interest is felt in this case not only because of the prominence of the man killed, but because of the prominence of the family of the accused.

Good progress was made in the effort to secure a jury. When the court adjourned the state had two challenges left and the defense four. The opinion is expressed by attorneys that the jury will be completed before noon tomorrow. The feature of the proceedings today was that in examining talesmen, the county attorney asked no questions regarding their feelings toward capital punishment. This is understood to mean that in case Davis is convicted the state will not ask for the death penalty. The defendant was accompanied by his brother, F. H. Davis, vice-president of the First National Bank, who watched the proceedings closely.

RAPS ANOTHER LEGEND.

Some Doubt, is Thrown Upon Paul Revere's Famous Ride.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New York says: Walter Benjamin, a publisher, has a document which he believes proves that Paul Revere never made the midnight ride attributed to him by Longfellow and tradition. The possession of Mr. Benjamin is a letter from John Hancock to Elbridge Gerry, dated Lexington, April 18, 1775, at 9 o'clock. This was the night before the battle and three hours before Revere, according to Longfellow, "crossed the bridge into Medford town."

The letter reads: "My Dear Sir: I am obliged for your notice. It is said the officers are gone along the Concord road and I will send word thither. I am fully agreed with you that we ought to be serious, and I hope your decision will be effectual. I intend doing myself the pleasure of being with you tomorrow. My respects to the committee. I am your real friend, John Hancock."

Mr. Benjamin says if Hancock, of the committee of safety, knew at 9 o'clock troops had gone along Concord road, Lexington and Concord were fully aroused to the danger of

the coming British troops and there would have been no need for Paul Revere to send:

"Through the night his cry of alarm—To every Middlesex village an farm."

The guarded expressions in the note, Benjamin says, were due to the troublous times when Hancock might expect to have his mail seized and did not want to have the correspondence betray more information than was absolutely necessary.

The evidence of the Hancock letter to Gerry has been made known before, for it was published in 1828 in the rare "Life of Gerry," but the date with the hour of 9 o'clock was omitted so that, printed with others, it caused no comment. In the original copy the date is there in Hancock's writing.

PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The Chicago Historical Society will hold a reception tomorrow night on the occasion of the presentation of a portrait from life of Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States by A. Benzinger. The portrait is the gift of Henry C. Lytton. The Rev. Frank V. Gansaulus will make the presentation address.

"PUSH IT ALONG."

Roosevelt's New Naval Commission And The Work Cut Out For It.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—President Roosevelt, it is understood, soon may appoint a commission to investigate the entire system of the Navy Department, looking toward a reorganization and the establishment of a general staff to act in an advisory capacity to a civilian secretary.

It is authoritatively learned that Secretary Root has been asked to accept the chairmanship of such a commission.

Beyond admitting that plans had been discussed and reiterating a denial formerly expressed that Mr. Root had been asked to head the commission, Wm. Loeb jr., secretary to the president, declined to discuss the matter.

GIRL FORGER CONFESSES.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 30.—In tears and sobbing as she was confronted with the evidence of her misdoings, a beautiful young woman, known in Newport, Washington, as Winifred Moler, foster child of the Rev. C. M. Moler, Methodist minister, and a well-to-do citizen of that place, confessed tonight to Chief of Police Rice, W. E. Stauffer, superintendent of the Merchants Police, and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney W. C. Donovan that she signed and passed a \$300 check, which turned out to be a forgery, on L. C. Fischer last Friday. The arrest of the young woman at the home of her parents at Newport yesterday afternoon by Town Marshal C. J. Bennet, who took her in custody and brought her to Spokane at the request of Chief Rice, was the culmination of a hunt for a female forger whose work was brought to the attention of the police last Thursday.

The Morning Astorian contains all the local and Associated Press reports.

ASK FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SUBPOENAS

COMMITTEE WILL ASK POWER TO COMPEL ATTENDANCE OF WITNESSES

VAN CLEAVE AND MILES

Everett Ames of Portland Bay Manufacturer Said Pacific Coast Manufacturers Need a Great Differential on Burlap.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Determined to bring before it those who have criticized the hearings on the proposed revision of the tariff bill and said that there was much important information to be obtained before the framing of an impartial tariff bill could be undertaken, the ways and means committee will request congress to authorize it to subpoena witnesses to appear at supplementary hearings.

President Van Cleave of the manufacturers association and V. H. Miles, chairman of the tariff committee of the same organization have frequently attacked the methods used by the committee. Chairman Payne has strongly resented the attack and his request for the right to subpoena is understood to be directed mainly at Van Cleave and Miles, who have not appeared despite special invitations. The desire for authority to subpoena witnesses and hold as many hearings as will be found necessary is practically the unanimous wish of the committee.

Everett Ames of Portland, Or., burlap bag manufacturer, said that the Pacific Coast manufacturers need a great differential so as to compete with Calcutta Bay. Since the passage of the Dingley law, he explained, the cost of labor has increased 20 to 30 per cent on the coast and machines have been introduced into the manufacture of burlap in Calcutta and India.

ORGANIZING AFRICA.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The convention at Cape Town to consider the closer alliance of South Africa has nearly concluded its labors and, according to the Daily Mail, has unanimously agreed upon a compromise between unification and federation. The present state boundaries will be abolished; Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and Orange will be divided into six equal parts for local government and there will be a central parliament.

GREAT SCULPTOR ILL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—John Quincy Adams Ward, the oldest living American sculptor, is seriously ill here from a complication of diseases, which in view of his advanced age, 79 years, causes his friends to fear a fatal termination.

PORT AU PRINCE IS GREATLY DISTURBED BY REBELS

J. C. STONE TRANSFERRED.

Insurance Manager Goes to San Francisco—Not Blamed Directly.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—J. C. Stone, for a number of years manager of the local division of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, has just been transferred from Portland to San Francisco, though he has not nominally been connected with the local office for several months past. The shakeup has been long expected by the insurance trade in this city, because of the almost incessant complaints made against the arbitrarily and tactless methods pursued by the underwriters in the matter of rates, rebates, blacklists and similar oppressive features of the administration of the affairs of the Portland office. Manager Stone has not been held directly to blame for the muss that has been stirred up nor for the criticism that has followed the oft-recurring "gouges," but he has been forced to bear the brunt of it. Hence his transfer.

Much of the trouble that the Portland public and the state at large has suffered at the hands of the underwriters has been due to the iniquitous deposit law in operation in this state which has enabled the insurance monopoly to practice all the methods of the most nefarious trust.

Every little while for the past two years some new and ingenious device has been concocted by the underwriters to arouse the wrath of the helpless public, beginning from the time of the 25 per cent advance shortly after the San Francisco disaster.

From that time on there has been a succession of rate-juggling, first as to one class of risks and then as to another. First the rate crooks of the underwriters would discover an extra "hazard" in the configuration district and up the rate would go, and then another extra hazard in the unprotected residence district. Refuse to come through and you are blacklisted. This went on until public tolerance of this tyranny reached the point a few weeks ago where it was found that three or four punitive insurance laws, aimed at the underwriters were being prepared for retributive use at the coming session of the legislature of the state.

Most significant of all the features to be embodied in this insurance regulation is an anti-compact act similar to the present law now operative in Ohio. The passage of such a law here would put an end forthwith to the rate-making and rate-maintaining powers of the insurance trust. It would, in fine, emasculate the board and leave its chief function in the matter of rates, only the privilege of maintaining a surveying board for the determination of what would be a fair and equitable rate on particular risks. It would mean the end of arbitrary readjustment or modification of rates.

Insurgents Nearing City Sweep All Before Them

HOUSES BARRICADED

Uneasy Feeling Among Foreigners Notwithstanding Warships in Port

TROOPS PATROL STREETS

So Far All Officers and Soldiers Remain Loyal and Are Facing Coming Revolutionists Calmly—Troops Are Entrenched Outside.

PORT AU PRINCE, Nov. 30.—Every further hour brings the revolutionary army nearer here and a feeling of impending disaster has taken possession of the people. The advance guard of General Simons' forces is now more than 25 miles from the city and the insurgents have swept all before them. Many of the people are panic stricken and a great majority of the natives have closed their stores and put bars across the doors and windows of their residences. There is an uneasy feeling among the foreigners notwithstanding the presence in the harbor of warships of United States and France, from which forces unquestionably will be landed if the insurgents succeed in passing the gates of the city or at the first sign of disorder and pillage.

Flags of different nations are flying from the homes of many foreign residents. Throughout the day and tonight the streets were patrolled by bodies of troops who maintained order.

So far as can be seen, all officers and soldiers are loyal and are facing the coming revolutionists calmly. Three divisions of troops are entrenched at the convergence of three roads, several miles outside of the city and it is not expected that General Simon will reach the cross roads until Wednesday.

MARK TWAIN'S BIRTHDAY.

REDDING, Conn., Nov. 30.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), passed his 73rd birthday quietly at his home today. As was his custom Clemens took his morning ride, passing the remainder of the day with his household.

CORONERS INQUEST IN FRENCH MURDER

Jury Brings in Verdict of Death by Gunshot Wound Inflicted by J. H. Finch With Murderous Intent

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—The district attorney's office is vigorously pursuing the theory that Ralph B. Fisher, prosecutor of the Bar Association who was slain Saturday by J. Finch was the victim of a conspiracy and it was stated today by members of the district attorney's staff, that evidences believed by them to cast suspicion on several persons has been found and that these persons are being shadowed by detectives. The officials, while frankly admitting this much are absolutely dumb when questioned as to whom they suspect nor will they say when they expect further developments in the case to become public. The inquest over the body of Attorney Fisher was held today, but there were no developments. The coroner's jury returned a pro forma verdict finding that Fisher came to his death as a result of gunshot wounds from a revolver fired by J. A. Finch, "With murderous intent."

CATHLAMET GIRL CRITICALLY ILL

Lies [at St. Mary's Hospital While Dr. Fred Peacock is Under Arrest

Madeline Longtine, a maiden of 17 years whose home is in Cathlamet, lies at St. Mary's hospital in a critical condition and last night Dr. Pilkington of this city and Dr. Hacking of Cathlamet performed a surgical operation in an effort to render her chances for life better. The story of the girl is a sad one—almost a shocking one. She is nice looking, and it said to have been of a peculiarly confiding and innocent disposition.

Dr. Fred Peacock of Cathlamet was arrested in that town on Saturday night in connection with the matter, and was released on bond. Dr. Peacock's connection with the case is not definitely known here and it is understood that he and his friends assert that he is being made the innocent victim of a conspiracy to injure him in his reputation and pocketbook. The other side of the story differs from this very material. (Continued on page 6)